

Increasing Opportunities,
Improving Outcomes

Annual Report

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What is an annual report?



We (Kent County Council) would like to tell you about how we have been changing things for the better since 2016.

2015 - 2020



We have set out how we would like things to be by 2020.



This report tells you what we have done since October 2016.



This report tells you how we are doing.



We are making good progress but there is more to do.

How are we doing?



This report looks at three important things:



We want to make life better for children and young people.

Some things have got better but we need to do more.



We want everyone to be healthy and enjoy life.

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We want people to be safe and independent.

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We want to make life better for children and young people



Our Children's social care is now rated 'good' by Ofsted.



More schools are now rated good or outstanding by Ofsted.



More 16 to 18 year olds are in education, employment or training.



We supported 11,000 families, including 24,000 children and young people, who needed our help.



We provided 67,000 health visits for children under 5 years old and their families.

We want everyone to be healthy and enjoy life



There were 1.65 million visitors to our country parks.



There were almost 17,000 visits to libraries per day.



We fixed over 9,000 potholes to make our roads better. An additional 1,200 potholes were fixed as part of the 'pothole blitz'.



We have increased the amount of waste not going into landfill to 719,363 tonnes (98% of all waste).



We converted over 63,000 streetlights to LED.



We created or protected 869 jobs with help from the Regional Growth Fund.



We have secured £3.4 million of funding to help pay for environmental schemes.

We want people to be safe and independent



More people were given a 'Blue Badge' to help park nearer their destination if they are disabled.



Over 12,000 people had a personal budget to choose their own care and support.



Most people could live at home after support from enablement services. This is support which makes you feel safe and happy in your own home.



More carers found it easy to find information and advice about support and services.



We helped almost 1,500 people who could not visit a library by bringing books to their home.



We built more extra care housing for people who need housing with care and support.

Working better together



Our relationships with residents and partners are important. We want to work together to make life better for people in Kent.

THANK YOU



More people complimented us this year.



Most people are happy with our help when they contact our Contact Point.



More people are using our website www.kent.gov.uk



More staff feel communication about Kent County Council has improved.



We received a silver award for our support for ex-military personnel and reservists.



We have supported voluntary and community groups with £13 million in the last year.

Find out more



You can find out more about our report on our website:

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